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TWO NIGHT CLOSURE OF GRANITE STREET IN MANCHESTER
TO ALLOW INSTALLATION OF BRIDGE STRUCTURAL STEEL

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces a section of Granite Street in Manchester will be closed to traffic on the nights of Monday April 17 and Tuesday, April 18, 2006 to allow for the installation of structural steel for a new bridge that will carry Interstate 293 over Granite Street.

The Granite Street closure from Commercial Street on the east side of the Merrimack River to Second Street on the west side of the river will take place from 8:00 pm until 6:00 am on both April 17 and 18. Traffic seeking to cross the river at Granite Street will be detoured to Exit 6 (Amoskeag Bridge) or Exit 4 (Queen City Bridge).

This project includes the construction of a northbound on-ramp and a southbound off-ramp to complete the Exit 5 interchange, and the replacement of the bridge over Granite Street. Middlesex Construction of Littleton, Massachusetts is the contractor for the \$28.5 million project, which has a final completion date of June 2008.